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THE NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD. The royal mail steamship Niagara, Captain Leitch, will leave Boston on Wedowday, at 12 o'clock, for Liverpool. Subscriptions and advertisements for any edition of the How Your Hunain will be received at the following places Europe:-

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Lavercol.—John Hunter, No. 2 Paradise street.
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PARS—Livingston, Wells & Co., 8 Place de la Bourse.
B. B. Revoll, No. 17 Rue de la Banqua. The European mails will close in this city at a quarter

to three o'clock this afternoon. The WEEKLY HERALD will be published at half past nine valock this morning. Single copies, in wrappers, six-

Mails for the Pacific.

THE NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD. The United States mail steamship George Law, Captain McGowan will leave this port this afternoon, at two

The mails for California and other parts of the Pacific will close at one o'clock. The New York Weekly Herald, California edition con

taking the latest intelligence from all parts of the world, will be published at ten o'clock this morning. Single copies sixpence. Agents will please send in their orders as early as possible.

The Mitchel banquet took place at the Broad way theatre last evening. Some six hundred people sat down to dinner, and the boxes were filled with as many ladies. Charles O'Conor, Esq., presided, and speeches were made by Messrs. Mitchel, Meagher, O'Gorman and Smyth. Mr. Bobert Emmet made an explanation relative to the funds of the Irish Directory. We give a full report.

Prior to the transaction of any business of imporsance in Congress yesterday, the death of Senator Atherton, of New Hampshire, was announced, and after the pronunciation of glowing eulogies, and the adoption of the customary tributes of respect, both houses adjourned. How swiftly our most eminent men are passing away. Mr. Norris remarked that even within the last four years no less than nine of he most dictinguished members of the Senate had been followed to the grave, and, we may add, there have been four times that number, perhaps equally great, culled from other stations of society. Let us hope that their works will be cherished and their patriotic examples followed by those who may be selected to fill their places in the councils of the nation. In the House, early in the day, Senor Gallegos, the delegate from New Mexico, was sworn in, and notice was given of the intention of ex Governor Lane to contest his seat. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means reported several anpropriation and deficiency bills, most if not all of which, it is intimated by our special correspondent, were drawn up at the departments.

The information furnished by our special Washington correspondents will be found very interestine. The Naval Committee of the House, it is stated, will to-day report a bill appropriating three millions of dollars to defray the expense of constructing six first class steam frigates, the same to be built in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary of the Navy. It is understood that this measure will be followed up with such provisions for a thorough reorganization of the whole naval system as will place the service in the most complete order. There seems to be considerable anniety to ascertain what disposition the House will make of the resolution making the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury a Presidential appointment. Action will doubtless be had on the subject to day, and to morrow our

readers will know all about it. A war is waging among the democrats of Vermont. in imitation of the recent flare-up in the ranks in this State. The free soilers are terribly indicannt because a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the old line democratic school were skeeted.

Pates from Havana to the 14th instant announce that Mr. Rolph, nephew and Secretary to Consul Clayton, expired from an attack of yellow fever four days previously. Our Consul had directed the attention of the new Captain-General to the case of the three American seamen who have been so long confined on a vague and groundless charge of having been engaged in the slave trade. The letter of our correspondent embraces all the Cuban news of im-

portance, and will be found lateresting.

Private advices from Buenos Ayres to the 15th of October declare that much dissatisfaction existed against the government of President Obligado throughout the provinces, and as the opposition were decidedly in the majority, it was predicted that another revolution would take place in the course of a few months. Provisions of all klads were very

scarce and degr. Much appliete existed at Montevideo at last dates in consequence of the non-arrival of the British mail deamer Prince of Wales from Rio Janeiro. It was feared that she had either run ashore or sunk.

The ship Abby Pratt, from Calcutta, went ashore on Nantucket Shoals, and was abandoned last Friday. A steamer and four schooners were despatched to ber assistance next morning, but, according to a despatch, had all returned, in consequence of being unable to find her. The supposition was that she had either broken up or delfted to sea.

Flour again advanced vesterday from 64 cents to 121 cents per barrel, while grain was about the same Freights were firmer, and engagements were made to Liverpool at enhanced rates.

long voyage. A collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Domestic Committee. The third lecture of Mr. Bourcicault was delivered

last evening to a crowded house. The rights and wrongs of women was the subject. Our report is crowded out till to-morrow.

Vetoes were abundant in the Coramon Council last evening, as will be seen by the official reports in another column. Messages were received from the Mayor, in which he announced the intention of withbolding his signature from the measures authorizing the Manhattan Railroad Company to lay a track in Broadway, providing for the enlargement of Battery place, and the erection of a bell tower in Fifty eighth street, near Broadway, and instructing the Comptroller to withdraw the prosecution of the sait for sinking a block at pier 35. As the session is so near at an end it is probable that the Council will lose no further time, but pass the Broadway railroad project by a two-thirds vote, and thus make it a law despite the disapproval of the Mayor.

Snow commenced falling in this vicinity yesterday aftersoon, and so continued until three o'clock this morning, at which time it was about three inches in depth. Telegraphic despatches announce that the weather was very cold; and snow storms prevailed in various sections of the North and West.

Necessity compels us to omit, in connection with many columns of local and miscellaneous reading, notices of the performances at the theatres and other places of amusement last evening. The advertise ments will furnish all information requisite concern ing the attractions offered at the different establish ments to-night.

Highly Important from Mexico -- The Revolutionizing of its Territory and the Impe-

rializing of its Government. The importance of the last intelligence received from Mexico, may be inferred from the space which we devote to its publication to-day. Interesting as is generally the news from the neighboring republic-there has not been an enoch since the Mexican war when there have been such vitally important events transpiring there as those of which Mexico is now the theatre. That our readers may thoroughly comprehend what is passing in that distracted country, we give to-day full and detailed accounts of the great movements which are now in progress.

The topic which might at first appear to interest these United States in the highest degree. is certainly the recent fillibustering movement which has lately taken place in Lower California. And yet, strange as it may appear, the invasion of La Paz occupies but a secondary position in the public mind of Mexico. The newspapers of the capital chronicled the fact with such details as had reached them, and commented on the subject with some exhibition of feeling, but still with far less acrimony than might have been expected. The general idea seems to be that the capture of La Paz was but a primary step towards the accomplishment of what is known to be the chief object of the invaders, namely, the revolutionizing of the State of Sonora. One of the Mexican journals affirms that no more politic course could have been pursued to attain that object; for the reasons that La Paz is adjacent to Guayamas, the chief town of Sonora the Mexican population in Lower California is extremely sparse, and the government cannot easily concentrate on that point a force sufficient to overpower the invaders. The official journal the government organ of Mexico-avails itself of the event to reiterate and give point to the political sentiment which has recently been proclaimed in that region, that the only mode for the Spanish race in America to escape extinction or absorption by the Anglo-American is an offensive and defensive alliance between Spain and her ancient colonies.

A more important feature of the news both to us and to Mexico is the project now in course of execution there, for converting that nominal republic into an avowed and absolute monarchy, and for perpetuating and strengthening the irresponsible powers which Santa Anna now exercises, by constituting him Captain General of Mexico. Up to this time the coup d'état by which this change of affairs is being brought about has been bloodless; and this fact constitutes the only feature of dissimilarity between it and Louis Napoleon'c. being installed President of the republic in April last, Santa Anna agreed to and accepted the terms of the military convention by which be was re-called from banishment. Among the provisions of that platform was one providing for a congress of the nation in one year from that time. To assure the continuance of his dictatorship, which might have been seriously endangered, had such a measure been realized. Santa Agna determined, like his great European prototype, to anticipate the termination of his authority as President, and to elevate himself to a more secure and distinguished position. For this purpose he convoked a convention of military men, favored citizens and clergy, in Guadalajara on the 17th of November. They adopted an act -to be subsequently ratified by the nation-investing Santa Anna with unlimited powers ac Captain General of Mexico, with authority, at his death or other sooner vacation, to nominate his successor.

We give a translation of this act imperializing Mexico in another column. A number of the States, cities, and corporations have already officially communicated their adhesion, and on the first and second of December the civil and military authorities of the capital recognized it. and announced their adhesion by proclamation to the citizens. Santa Anna received and acknowledged, is a suitable speech, the homage tendered to him by the city corporation; and the Mayor issued a manifesto directing the inhabitants to decorate and illuminate their houses in honor of the great event. One of the States, in communicating its act of adhesion, proposed, as an amendment to the original proposition, that Santa Anna receive the title of Grand Elector of Mexico, High Admiral, Marshal General of the Mexican Armies, and Most Screne Highness. It was rumored that the celebration was to take place on the 19th Desember; so that Santa Anna may have been vesterday duly installed in his new rank and

hailed by the title of Antonio Primero. To us this change in the government of Mexico brings nothing strange or unexpected. From intelligence derived through undoubted sources, we had several months ago foreseen and foretold what has now taken place. We were au courant of the diplomatic arrangements to carry out this object, which to Liverpool at enhanced rates.

The trial of the Ninth ward ricters was resumed in the Court of General Sessions yesterday, and the testimony elicited will be found fully reported in another part of this paper.

A public missionary meeting was held last evening in St. Bartholomew's church. The Hight Rev. Provisional Bashop presided, and the Rev. Mr. Potter, Mr. Bradish and others, spoke on the subject of domestic missions, with special reference to California Bishop Kipp—who is about to depart on this important mission—spoke carnestly of his future dates. His address was short, as he was unwell, and the statement we had made as to Santa Anna's designs. We published his diplomatic note, but we re-affirmed our statement, and the results of the constant for his important mission—spoke carnestly of his future dates. His address was short, as he was unwell, and the statement we had made as to Santa Anna's designs. We published his diplomatic note, but we re-affirmed our statement, and the results and the result shows how correct our information and the results and continued the continued of the season from the United States reveaue out the Jack and the Carter, of New Season 1 and 2 and 2 and 5 season 1 and 2 and 2 and 5 season 1 and 2 and 2 and 2 and 3 and 2 and 3 and for some time past have received the at-

deductions were, and how little General Almonte knew of the designs of his chief.

The imperialization of Mexico is but the first act of a grand drama constructed by European diplomatists, and to be enacted on the North American continent. The second act changes the scene from Mexico to Canada, where it appears the cousin of her Britannic Majesty. Prince George of Cambridge, is to be installed in due course of time as Viceroy of the British North American Provinces. There seems to be, therefore, a mighty contest pending in this hemisphere between the principles of monarchy and conservatism on the one side, and those of progress and republicanism on the other. The struggle may come as soon as destiny has ordained. We have no fear for the issue. That extempore expedition of American filibusteros against two of the Mexican States has already gravely disarranged the plans of the campaign. In this we see the invincible stride of democracy, which is spreading over and must eventually envelope this continent at least; and it proves how vain it is to attempt to stem it by such feeble and impotent barriers as crowns and titles. The womb of time is big with stirring events, not only for Europe but for the New World. We have marked the signs, and await the issue with calm confidence. Let it come. OUR EXCLUSIVE NEWS OF THE GREAT EUROPEAN

TREATY.-We observe that the Express and a Canadian journal affect to disbelieve our statement that a treaty has been entered into between France and England, for the protection of Turkey against Russia. It is not to be expected that people living in the midst of Canadian snow-drifts should know anything about the rest of the world. The other disbeliever, the Express, has, ever since its establishment, relied entirely on us for news; it never yet had an important item of intelligence that it did not steal. With regard to home news, it deals in this wise:-the HERALD is bought early in the morning, by the editor of the Express, for two cents: its Washington letters and other exclusive information are carefully cut out and condensed; and the whole appears in a paragraph under the telegraphic head, in the evening edition of the Express. It adheres so scrupulously to this judicious system, that when our correspondents have fallen into an error, which they corrected next day, the "telegraphic" correspondent of the second edition of the Express invariably committed the error in their wake and corrected it with equal fidelity. Why can't the Express follow the same rule with regard to the European news? Why couldn't it publish special mesages by transatlantic telegraph from London, and so contrive to steal our news. instead of making itself ridiculous by denying its authenticity? The public would never notice the heax.

The treaty, the execution of which we announced, was executed. It is specially mentioned by our own correspondents, by those of the London press, and by that of the Courier and Enquirer. We notice a difference in the dates assigned by some of these authorities; some asserting that it was executed on the 18th and others on the 28th of November. It is possible to conciliate these apparently conflicting statements, by supposing that the treaty was agreed to on the 18th and signed on the 28th.

CABINET INCONSISTENCIES .- We have received a letter from Washington on various subjects. It is too long for publication, and contains some matters which it might not be just to all parties to publish without further proof. We note however, two points about which we will ask a question. Perhaps some impertinent member of Congress may inquire, and find out

Is it true, that although Congress at last session made no appropriation for the payment of the two thousand dollars additional salary. (besides the six thousand heretofore allowed,)granted last session to each member of the Cabinet; and although the constitution of the United States declares that "no money shall be drawn om the Treasury but in consequence of an propriations made by law." &c., (sec. 9, Art. 1.) yet the Secretary of the Treasury has paid the additional salaries out of a fund appropriated for another object? Will any one find out

the truth of this matter? Secondly-Is it true that land warrants to a large amount have been granted for military services in what is called the Aroostook War It is worth inquiring who is responsible for this last act, as well as for the violation of the constitution involved in the first. Do Cabinet officers forget there is such a procedure as im-

Few Guana Salands Discovered.

Some few months ago we noticed that a certain enter orising young merchant, who is connected with a line of packet ships to the Pacific Ocean, and who has his office at or near the foot of Wall street, sleared several ships and barks for a port in the Brazils and a market. At the time we were inclined to have a doubt as to the destina tion of these vessels, and desired to know what new enterprise was afoat. By inquiry we learned that one of those vessels, (the Inca,) carried out some fifty men over and above her crew, and that she also took on board cannon and small arms, with ample quantities of amoun nition. Among the vessels from this port were the Lanack. Thorndike, Carlo Mauran, J. O. Adams, and others The search is now out, as some of the above vessels neve returned, with full cargoes of guano, to this and ther ports.

This guaro is from some recently discovered islands in the Caribbean Sea. We have obtained correct information on the subject, and learn that the lacky discoverers have new on hand and to arrive a sufficient quantity on which to realize a handsome fortune. In a short time we will lay before our readers a full statement of all the circumstances, including the manner in which the first dis-covery was made. It is a narrative in which there is a great deal of exciting and nomantic incident. It is also proof of the enterprise and energy of our merchants and reamen.

Marine Affairs.

A GREAT CARGO OF A GREAT SHIP -Among other articles engaged by the Great Republi; for Liverpool are the

following, viz.:—
About 9,000 bbis. flour.
50,000 to 70,000 husbels of coin and wheat.
1,000 bases of cotton
3 (00 berrels of rokin.
1,000 tierces of beef, &c., &c.

Having taken as much freight as she can cross the bar at Sandy Hook with, she will, it is said, kaul out into the stream on Thorsday or Friday next.

Launca - Messre Lupton & McDiarmid will launch at

Green Point to day, at 12.0'clock, the steamer Adeladie, niended for the river trade in California. Surwager AND Loss or Loss .—Schooner Sylph, Duna which raised from Quebeo for Ragged Islands and Liver pool, N. S., 19 ult., with a gameral cargo, was wrecked of vest point of Anticonsis, about the 29th, and all on board perioded. The schooner was found bottom up.—Heldow

Later from Havana

ARRIVAL THE STRAM SHIP CREICENT CITY. The steamship Crescent Oity, Capt. Budd, arrived last evening, from New Orleans Dec. 11, via Havana Dec. 14.

After leaving Havana the Orecent City encountered
heavy gales and rough weather. On the 18th inst. was and eastward. Same day passed an American bark, steering same course, showing a blue signal, with white field (supposed to be a star.)
The nephew of Judge Clayton, the American Consul at

Judge Clayton was to leave Havana for Mobile in the steamship Black Warrior, which had just arrived pre-

ious to the departure of the Crescent City. The C. C. brings thirty passengers and merchandise. The following letter appears to exbrace about all that was stirring of interest on the Island of Cuba :-

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK HERALD. CORRESTORDERCE OF THE NEW YORK HEALD.

HAVANA, Dec. 14, 1853.

Death of the Nephew of Consul Clayton—Application in Behalf of the Three Imprisoned American Scannan—Crews Succed of Wrecked Spanish and British Vessels—Boisterous Weather—Departure of Canedo—The New Caplain-Gene

Weather—Departure of Canada—The New Captan-General, dc.
It is a melancholy task that this morning develves upon me to announce to the readers of the Herant the decesse of Mr. C. B Rolph, the nephew of Mr. Clayton, the Consultor the Unitee States at this port, on the evening of Saturday last, the 10th inst, of yellow fever, after a brief lilness of a few days curation. Hopes were entertained until the previous Inureday that his youth—he being but twenty-lose years of age—would have enabled him to successfully combat this fell disease; but, alsa! it proved too powerful, and the ceceased succumbed to the destroyer, as before related. He had gained many friends during his brief sojourn to this city, where he had resided scarrely two weeks. His uncle, our excellent Consul, will deeply lument the decease of his nephew who, it is understood, was to have alled the post of secretary to the consulate. Peace to his mane-!

With a prope; anxiety for the cause of justice, our new Consulhas not permitted the "grass to grow under the feet" of the newly arrived Captain Geners! Peacels, ere he has drawn the attention of the latter to the hardship endured by the three American sallors, who have been close two four found on the residence of the previous destroyer having endured by the three American sallors, who have been close two founders and against a facilities charge of having

piled at the Consulate recently, I learned that no reply had been received to Judge Clayton's letter to the Captain General.

On Thursday last, the 8th inst., there arrived at this port the American brig Ocean selle, having on board as passengers the passengers and crew of the Spanish steamer General Armero, which plyed between St. Jago de Caba and this port, and also the crew of the British brig Ocean, both of which vessels had been wrecked and abandoned. The General Armero, I have with some difficulty ascertained, was first dismasted in a gale of wind, then she lost her rudder and crifted past Rum Key on to Watthins Key, where she wentashore and became a perfect wreck. I was informed that, when near Rum Key, the General Armero was boarded by a large cance, having some sixty or eighty negroes on board, wreckers, living on Rum Key, who tendered their assistance, which was not accepted, from a fear that the negroes would master the officers, crew and passengers of the stammer, and then take possession of the ship. The General Armero was, I understand, a fine vessel, built at or near New York, a m few years since, especially for the trade she was semplyed in. The Ocear, a Nova Scotian brig, is understood to have been wrecked in attempting to cross the Great Bahama Bank in the night, in a gale of wind from the N. N. E. The passengers of the General Armero, and her efficers and crew, and those of the Ocear, I learn, barely escaped with their lives. Both the vessels and their cargoes are totally lost.

We have had a strong Norther blowing here the latter part of last week. On Friday last the sea ran so high as to dash over the Moro Castle.

The late Captain-General Canedo teok his departure on the 11th instant, in the steamship Conde de Regla, for Spain, where all true Cutans hope he will ever remain, or at least never again visit their island vested with supreme authority.

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General Pesuela has as yet done nothing except make
the necessary appointments to office. He has began well;
but whe can speak for the hereafter. "A new broom
sweeps clean" says the old adage. Wait until the Captain General has been twelve months in Cubs, and then
we shall be able to make a fair "guess" as to his character. GUALTERIO.

THE REVOLT ON BOARD THE SHIP JAMES WRIGHT—DEATH OF MR. SIMPSON, THE PIRST MATS.

It will be recollected that Joseph Mathews and four others of the crew of the ship James Wright were arrested some short time since, and indicted by the Grand Jury of the United States Circuit Court for a revolt and assault on Mr. Shadrick Simpson, the first mate of that vessel, while lying at Quarantine. Simpson died at his residence, No. 103 Hamersley street, on Sunday morning sand the four prisoners will now probably be held for homielde; but as the affray occurred within the jurisdiction of this State the case will not come within United States Court, but the law of this State. The facts in the case are, simply, that the ship was at Quarantine, ready for sea, on the 4th of November, and the crew coming on board under the influence of liquor, were not exactly nited to receive the orders of the mate, who directed them to weigh anohor. They refused to comply, and a mode ensued, and Mr. Simpson received a severe beating, and also a stab in the back of the head, inflicted with a large hnife, as alleged by the sailor Mathews, alided and abetted by several others. The pilot of the ship witnessed the affray, and is, we understand, the only person who did except these a party concerned. Mathews and his four shipmates were arrested for the revolt and assault, and have since that time been kept in jail. Yesterday Coroner O'Donnell was called to hold an inquest on the body of deceased. A post-movéem examination was made, and the evidence adduced by the physicians went to show conclusively that death was produced by the injury inflicted with the keife. A jury was sworn, but in comequence of the want of witnesses the case was postponed until to day, in order to proque the presence of the pilot who witnessed the assault. The inquest will be held at the Coroner's effice. and the four prisoners will now probably be held fo

EUCOIN FEATH OF AN UNKNOWN MAN.—Yesterday Coroner Hilton held an inquest, at the Fount SUBJEST HEATH OF AN UNKNOWS MAN.—Yesterday Coroner Hilton held an inquest, at the Fourth ward poince station house on the body of an aged man, whose name at present is unknown, who was takes suddenly in a fit, and fall in Cherry at est insensible. Officer Murphy, of the Fourth ward, centy yed him to Dr. Abell's drug store, but he toon after died. Dr. Abell examined the body of deceared, and gave as his opinion that death was caused by serous apolicy. The deceased was about 70 years of age, five feet six inches high of genteel appearance, with gray hair and whiskers, dressed in a black cloth coat, black caseimere pants and vest, and drab overcost, lavender colored gloves, books and indis rubber over abose, black silk lat with bombzine on it, the maker's name in the hat was "W. F. D.liger, N. Y." On his person was a pair of German silver spectacles and eighty saven cents in change. The jury rendered a verdict of "Death caused by servous apoplexy."

The American Tract Society. INTERESTING FROM THE CHINESE EMPIRE.

special meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Tract Society was held on Monday, the 19th inst., Wm. B. Crosby, Esq., in the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Spring. The Rev. Nehemiah Adams, D. D., of Boston, was unanimously elected as a

offered by the Rev. Dr. Spring. The Rev. Nehemish Adsms, D. D., of Boston, was unanimously elected as a member of the Publishing Committee, in the place of the lamented Rev Dr. Etwards.

The usual monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was also held on M. nday. Among the letters read from foreign lands was one from the Rev. Mr. Roberts, of China, on his way to Nanking, at the request of his friend and pupit, the leader of the important Chinese recolution, acknowledging a previous grant of the Tract Society, which, he says, "well be the first of the benealent train in the company of this new field of unefulness. A higher honor and wider sphere it would be hard to find on earth."

Rev. Mr. Brayashn, of Constantinople, alludes to an edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress," in Armenian, issued by the society's fonds, and requests casts of engravings for this and other works. The English and American residents had just held a public Bible mesting in Constantinople, which was largely attended, and \$350 collected. The same day the combined fleets of England and France entered the Bosphorus.

An earnest appeal from the Paris Tract Society was presented which showed that the tract operations were extending in France, and that a deb of 24,000 france weighted heavily upon that institution. The Saadwich Islands mission also asks for increased appropriation.

In view of these and previous communications from massions, societies, and missionsary boards a socustomed to receive aid from the Tract Society, the Cummittee authorized appropriation in cash to be remitted previously to April 1, to the amount of \$20,000, as follows:—For the everal missions in China, \$2,500; for the missions in Southern India, \$4,300; for countries on the Mediterranean, including Islay, \$3,400; for Continental Europe, \$3,500; for the Saadwich Islands and Canada, \$1,100; reserved to meet new claims, \$500.

The receipts of the Society for the past month were strom the Depository for the same period amounted to \$4.850; and the gravitous circulation among

Stationery for Congress.

New York, Dec. 19, 1853

James Gordon Bennett, Eng.:—
Sir—I see it stated by your Washington correspondent, that it is rumored that I hold a contract, or will get one that it is rumored that I hold a contract, or whi get one, to supply the House of Representatives with stationery. I big leave to state that I am not the recipient of a contract of any description, under any department of the government, nor have I ever been an applicant or expect to be.

Very truly,

EMANUEL 3. HARC. Very truly,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MERALD. NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1853.

DEAR SIR—Your Washington correspondent, in yester-day's journal, states that "I am to receive the contract the House of Representatives with stationery, through the kindness of Mr. Fo ney the Clerk." It is with much regret that I am compelled to say that your sorrespondent does not state the fact, as unfortunably the good fortune has not-failen on me (the contract has been given out time fow or five months back.) If it had you may be assured the job would have been promptly attended to with a proper regard for the interest of the government, and at the sacre time, I hope, not losing sight of my own. Allow me to meatition, however, that I contemplate in a tot time being goneerned in a printing and stationery contracts or other business in that her that can be produced from my friends and the public, without distinction of party or the thickness of their "shella," with great dispatch and on the most reasonable terms. Very resectively,

RICHARD E. CONNOLLY. (in connection with another gentleman) for supplying

City Intelligence.

The Whather — Snow fell yesterday afternoon, the first of the season. It continued till a lete hour at night, given many and jovial hopes of a sleigh ride. Old sleighs and old belis were immediately burnished up, in anticipation of becoming useful. Whether this snow gives realization to these hopes or not, it is probable that very soon the jingling of sleigh bells will come up from every street.

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PROTECTION AND PRISERY ATION OF THE HARDOR.—The GOVerror of the State of New York, and the Commissioners
of the Land Office in this State, and other public officers,
will visit the harber to inspect it on Wednesday of this
week. The committees appointed under the third,
fourth, and fifth resolutions adopted by the public meeting held at the Merchants' Exchange on Friday, the
10th inst. will be announced in the morning papers of
Wednesday. Notices will also be sent to each member of
the committees.

NAROW ESCAPS OF THE KNICKPEROCKER BANK.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE KNICKERBOCKER BANK.—This building, in the Eighth avenus, yesterday morning had a narrow escape from destruction. At 7 o'clock the flooring of the St. Nicholas Insurance office was discovered to be burnt through, and the beams and some planks of the banking rooms nearly burnt through also. Fortunately it was discovered by the bank watchman so as to give the alarm in time to extinguish it. The fire caught from the furnace, the pipes leading too near the beam and floor.

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SMEMERING OF THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—This association held a conversational meeting last evening, at its rooms, 600 Broadway. There were in attendance about twenty members. Mr. Lissay was appointed chairman, in the absence of the president, Shepherd Knapp. The business of the meeting was opened by the reading of an essay upon the rore, by Mr. Mead, one of the secretaries, which was listened to with much attention, and elicited much applause. This was followed by an essay upon the same subject by Mr. Parsens, which was also a fine production. A discussion then took place upon the subject of the evening, the 'Culture of the Rose.' Upon this subject several, (Messrs. Hogg, Bridgman, Mead, and others.) related their experience, going into an analytical history of the rose, from the culting and putting the twig till its bloom. The best soil, the proper temperature, the mode of treatment, and other points, were fully discussed, creating an interesting debate. Upon the close of this discussion ten the meeting adjourned. Firms.—About half past twelve o'slock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the drying room of the Howard Hotel, kept by Clark & Balley. The damage was about three hundred dollars.

Another fire occurred at 7 o'clock last evening at No. 67 Sullivan street, which was extinguished with trilling damage.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS IN COUNCIL.

FOUR VETOES FROM THE MAYOR.

The Broadway Railroad Project; The Battery Place Enlargement Scheme; The Fifty-eighth Street Bell-tower Bill, and the Order to Restrain the Comptroller from Prosecuting the Pier Suit, all Disapproved.

NEW YORK COMMON COUNCIL

Board of Alberman, December 19, 1853.

Present—Richard. T. Compton Esq., President; Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, Barr, Brisley, Francis. Smith, Tiomann, Pearshi, Bard, Ward, Denman, Cornell, Alvord, Deherty, Peck.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By Alderman Peck—Petition of Michael Kumph, to be relieved from tax. To Committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of In. D. Buckley and others, to have Thirty-first street, between Sixth and Eighth Avenues, lighted with gas. To Committee on Limps and Gas.

By the same—Petition of James W. Ogden and others, to Committee on Roads.

By the same—Petition of Thomas Martin, to have pump repaired in Fifty-fourth street, between Swenth and Sighth avenues, regulated, &c. To Committee on Roads.

By the same—Petition of William Niblo and others, to have Eighty-sixth street changed, between Eighth avenue and East river. To Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Denamn—Petition of Marvence street to Eighth avenue and East river. To Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Sairne—Petition of Levi Cohen, to be appointed Commissioner of Deeds. To Committee on Ralaries and Offices.

By Alderman Barn—Petition of Heck and Ladder Co. No.

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By Alderman Barra-Pettition of Heck and Ladder Co. No. 9, for payment of bill for room hire. To Committee on Fire Department.

By Alderman STURTEVANT-Petition of George White, By Alderman STURTEVANT-Petition of George White, By Experimendant of Streets, for relief from judgment in favor of Coddington. To Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Soura-Petition of J. Botts, for additional hose for Engine Co. No. 38. To Committee on Fire Department.

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RESIGNATION.

By Alderman STURTEVANT—Resignation of Lewis Hurst, of Commissioner of Deors. Accepted.

By Alderman ENTRE-Residued, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be, and he is hereby, directed to advertise for proposs, and contract for 20,000 feet of hose for the use of the Fire Department, the said hose to bear a test of 300 pounds to the inch. Adopted.

By Alderman Brisker—Resolved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be, and he is hereby, directed to advertise for proposals at do contract for the use of Hose Co. No. 12 so as to make the same suitable for the reception of the said hose company. Adopted.

By Alderman Doukery—Resolved, That Engine Co. No. 1 be sllowed ten additional men. Adopted.

By Alderman WARD—Resolved, That the temporary me of the chamber of the Box. do I Aldermen be granted to the Superior Court, previded it does not interfere with the most ings of the Box and of Aldermen and Board of Supervisors. Adopted.

By Alderman DENMAN—Whereas, by act of the Legisle.

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By Alderman Denman—Whereas, by act of the Legislature last witer, a plot of herdy tended between Pifty-minth and light hereby the sees appearing the property of the property

8y, will not be in conformicy with what may be the ultimate grading of said park; therefore, Resolved, That the Street Jommissioner be, and is hereby, directed be enter into proposals with the contractors baving contracts within the same to discontinue their reveral con-tracts, and to submit the result to this Common Council for confirmation. Adopted.

By Alderman Bar Re-Resolved, That Engine Co. No. 24 be allowed ten additional men. Adopted.

By Alderman Oanier—Whereas, the Common Ceuncil have ordered a new house to be orected up in the leasehold ground in peacession of the Corporation in Dover street; and whereas, it is found necessary, for the convenience and accommodation of said company, to occupy more space than allowed by the terms of the lease, and the owner is willing to part with extra ground required for the company, which is about five feet, fronting the atreet, and running the entire depth of the lot, for the additional rent of \$100 per year; therefore.

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thanks for the permission to use Hamilton square. Ordered on file.

From the Cemptroller, relative to the location of Hose Cempany No. 55. To Commattee on Fire Department.

From the Cemptroller, in reply to resolution in regard to cleaning to streets. Ordered on file.

From the Ceunsel to the Corporation, relative to granting additional allowance to contractors. Ordered on file.

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From the same, with ostimates and award of contract for milding engine for Company No. 28. Award of contract confismed.

Annual report of the Treasurer of the Fire Department Fund Ordered on file.

From Committee of Repairs and Supplies—With estimates and award of contract for Hose Company No. 12. Award of Contract for Hose Company No. 12. and award of contract for Rose Company No. 12. Award of contract confirmed.

From same—With estimates for building new engine for Company No. 28. Referred back to Committee of Repairs and Supplies.

From same—With estimates and award of contract for new engine for Company No. 9. Award of contract convew engine for Company No. 9. Award of contract conrined.

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MAYON'S OFFICE, Dec. 9, 1855.

To THE HON. THE BRARD OF ALDERMEN—
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JACOB A. WESTERVELT.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, New York, Dec. 2, 1833. B

TO THE HON. BOARD OF ALDERMEN:—
GENTLEMEN—I return, without my approval, a report and resolution in favor of erecting a wooden bell tower, and placing a bell therein, on the lot, in the rear of Engine Co. No. 33, in Fifty-eighth street, need Broadway. From a Dersonal examination of this locality, I am constrained to differ with the conclusions of the committee, either as to the necessity or expediency of creeting a tower there at present. The locality is a fixed upon in easy the Justician of Broadway and the Eighth avenue, as removed from the populous part of the Eighth avenue, as removed from the populous part of the As the ground belongs to the city, no expense and conceived by delaying the measure until there shall seem to be greater need of a tire bell there than at present exists. And I do not feel justified in giving my official sanction to an expenditure which causes, for a long time to come, produce any corresponding benefit; in my judgment it is nucalled for beany necessity of the vicinity or of the Fire Dapartment. I they effore return the paper for your resonsideration.

Which was directed to be entered at length upon the minutes and published in one or more of the public news papers.

Communication from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, with estimates, for altering house of Hose Com-pany No. 40. Award of contract confirmed on a division, viz.:—

pany No. 40. Award of contract commend on a division, yit. :Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Moore, Haloy, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, Brisley, Francis, Smith, Peoresall, Bard, Ward, Deaman, Cornell, Doherty, Peok—16.
Negative—Alderman Tismann.
From same, with estimates and award of contract for building t-legraph wires to connect all stations with the Macdougal street bell, tower. Award of contract confirmed on a division viz. :Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Moore, Haloy, Cokley, Brisley, Francis, Smith, Bard, Cornell, Doherty, Petk—11.

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Perk-11.

Negative—Aldermen Stuttevant, Boy:s, Tiemann, Pearsall, Ward, Denman—6.

REPORTS.

Of Committee on Firance-To concur to pay George Letterst 5100 for loss by fire. A dopted on a division, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, the Freeident, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Smith, Pearsall, Bard, Cernell, Doherty, Feck—16.

Negative—Aldermen Moore, Maley Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, the Sturtevant of the East river. Adopted on a division, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, the Freeident, Aldermen Brisley. Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Pearsall, Bard, Ward, Cornell, Doherty, Peck—16.

Negative—Alderman Denman—1.

Of Committee on Fire Department—To concur; to advertise for processis for a los for Engine Company No. 25. Adopted.

Alderman Sturtevant moved to take up and consider Decument 64, being report of Committee on Streets in favor of The same and widening Albany street, which was carried.

Alderman Sturtevant moved that the same be laid on the table, and be made the special order for Friday next; which was carried.

Adderman Pearsal moved that the same be laid on the table, and be made the special order for Friday next; which was carried.

Adopted on a division, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Haley, Sturtevant, Oakley, Boyce, the President, Alderman Braisy, Francis, Smith, Tiemann, Pearsall, Bard, Denman Cornell, Doberty, Peck. Of Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips—In favor of permitting Wm. Menzies to fill in water lets in troat of his proprity. Adopted.

Alderman Oakley moved to take up document 65, being report of Finance Committee in favor of purchasing lots on Ward's Island from A. McCatete, which was carried. The same, after consideration, was laid over until Friday ovening, of Committee on Committee in favor of purchasing lots on Ward's Island from A. McCatete, which was carried. Here continued and lase was carried. Engangerical being continued and lase was carried. The same and Lisp pranard streets, beyond the line of the street. Ado

ed. Communication from Eureau of Assessment, with sundry assessment lists confirmed, and Isaac Edwards appointed collector therefor. Adopted on a division, viz.:—
Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Miley, Oakley, Boyse, the President, Aldermen Brisley, Francis, Tiemann, Pearsail, Bard, Demann, Cornell, Doherty, and Fock-M. Negative—Alderman Smith—I. On motin, the Board adjourned to Wodnesday, 21st inst., at 5 o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clesk.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, S

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1852.

Present—Jenathan Trotter, Esq., President, in the chair—
Assistant Aldermon Brown, Tait, Mabbatt, O'Brien, Mayboy,
Breaden, Woodward, Ring, Weils, Huna, Bouton, Melowa,
Btewart, Wheelan, Rogers, Crawford, O'Keefe, and McCon
key.

By Assistant Alderman Tair-Of John C. Kennedy and others, for a new hose company, to be located in the vicinity of Frankiert and Cliff streets. To Committee on Fire Department.

By Assistant Alderman MARRATT-Of Engine Company
No. 42 for an additional number of men. To Committee on

No. 42, for an additional number of men. To Committee on Fire Department.

By Assistant Alderman Crawyonn—Of Henry Jas. Anderson and others, that the grade of Thirty-seventh street and First avenue be lowered. To Committee on Streets.

By Assistant Alderman O'BRIEN—That Hose Company No. 28 be allowed five additional members. Adopted By Assistant Alderman Expart—That the pavement of Greenwich street, between Dey and Cortlandt streets, be put in good repair, and the sum of \$200 appropriated theretox. Adopted by the following vote:—Allermaive—The President, Mesers. Tait, Matbatt, O'Brien, Maybec, Breaden, Woodward, Ring, Wells, Bouton, MicGown, Rogers, Crawford, O'Koefe, and McUonkey—15.

Regative—Assistant Alderman Whelam.

From his Honer the Manhattan Railroad Company to lay are lifted in Hyroadway and other streets, from Manhattan ville to the Battery, with his objections thereto:—

MAYON'S OPPICE, Dec. 19, 1863.

To THE HON. FOARD OF ASSETANT ALDERMER:—

Gentlemen—I return without my approval the resolution granting to the "Banhattan Railway Company" the assess of the city authorities to construct a railroad from Manhattan Kallway Company" the assession of the city authorities to construct a railroad from Manhattan Kallway Company of this measures are, tricity, as follows—The the approval of this measures are, tricity, as follows—The day approval of the season acres are, tricity, as follows—The day approved of the season acres are, tricity, as follows—The approved of the season acres are, tricity, as follows—The acres and sales of public property and franchises, cutter than grants of land under water) shall be read, and that tall Raises and sales of public property and franchises, cutter than grants of land under water) shall be read in Broadway, for the purpose of placing thereon minimum and the sales of the

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From the Bureau of Assessments—With the following essement lists, saking that they be onfirmed, and isaawards appointed collector thereof, viz.—For sever in Farrett, from Troy to rear Jane artest; in Most stroet, the sewer in Listham attent to Pell; in Thirty-sol the sewer in Listham attent to Pell; in Thirty-sol threet, from Most or one of Pourth avonute the priver; for paving setting outh and gutter, and fix Thirty-third street from Third avenue to East rive Committee on Assessments.

FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.